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Dear Sylvia,

The anxecdote in your 10/30 is so typical, so amusing to me, I repond to tell you again that N.O. is like no other city. Here's another story: an executive of a major station was in NYC recently to buy time, rather get some. He was asked by a friend of mine about JG. He said he'd vote against him, but he was a very brave, sometimes brilliant man. "Why vote against him them?", my friend asked."Because I believe him to be irresponsible" was the response. After a very short pause, "But I'd be all for him if he were running for the Senate, simply because he is so brave."

For all the errors, he is the candidate most likely to be a decent DA, as he has been, to refuse to engage in witch hunts, to persecute minorities, etc. In fact, it is this record that is being used most effectively against him. This must all be very unreal to you, beyond belief. But today, I doubt if there is more than a single man - if any - more popular than h'm in the state.

On the transcripts: I have been promised them after the election. Which may mean after a runoff. I believe it is essential that we have them. I do not know which others, if any, Paul will be interested in. Probably Shaneyfelt and maybe Regis Kennedy only. However, if I have them they will be available to all. Bud has located a place where xeroxing can be done for a third of what I pay, a thid more than Paul does, so it will work out, if the promise is kept. That steno is wrong. The cost of the entire mess is close to $2,000, from the official reporter (who was also the WC's).

On the British reporters, that was unknown to me. What are their names? Several were in touch with me when they got here, where their Washington staffers are friends. I wonder if ajy of the three was one. I'd like to get that page of the book.

Best regards,